

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 remain pending in this application. The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 9 and 10 to replace the word "recited" with "claimed" in claims 2-22, and 24-31.

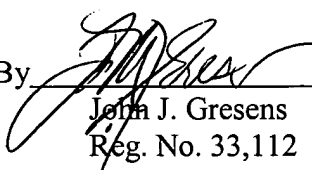
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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